

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Juanita Elnora
Watson on the celebration of her 75th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Watson will celebrate her 75th birthday on March 16, 2005, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Howard and Leola Hackett Sanders, Mrs. Watson is a highly respected and well-known member of her community; a proud member of the Charmettes' social club for several years, she is known far and wide for her splendid lemonade and banana pudding, her fondness for the Alabama dog races and the Mississippi casinos, her devotion to professional wrestling and *The Young and the Restless*, and her collection of giant cacti, which she will share with anyone; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Juanita Watson served with acumen and alacrity at Erlanger Hospital, a position in which she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Watson has been a devout member of the Alleyne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, she was happily married to Cleveland Watson for 30 years, and the couple's blessed union produced three children, Anita, Pauletta, and Cleveland, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Watson is the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren; the doting great-grandmother to five great-grandchildren; the caring sister to Marvin, Cardia, Carolyn, Joseph, and the late Hackett; and the best aunt to a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, as she enters the middle of her eighth decade, Mrs. Watson is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Juanita Elnora Watson on the celebration of her 75th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.